

CORRESPONDENCE.

Correspondents will please send their items so as to reach this office not later than Tuesday morning in order to insure insertion. Promptness in this matter will assist the management materially in getting out the Advocate on time. Please bear this in mind and give us your news as early in the week as possible.—Editor.

Scaff.

Last week was fine weather, and our farmers have laid off the winter humps and smoothed out the wrinkles and are getting down to work.

J. P. Dickey has sold his farm to G. T. Mills and is going to locate at Flat Lick.

G. B. Jackson has turned his farm over to his children and is going to move to Flat Lick.

G. T. Mills has sold his saw mill to Robert Worsham and has bought Francis Scalf's grist mill.

We have lots of sickness in our neighborhood, and it looks like our doctor, T. W. Jones, will have to employ a deputy, or work himself to death, as he hardly has time to sleep night nor day.

Messrs. Hubbard and Hammons are working fifteen to twenty men in the stave woods, and it looks like somebody is going to be out some thing if the job lasts much longer.

Mrs. Amelia Jackson is improving very fast.

All good citizens of the Second Magisterial district are booming our ex-Deputy Sheriff, postmaster and merchant, Thomas Hubbard, for Sheriff. What say you, fellow citizens of Knox county?

Percy Hubbard had a broad smile on his face last Sunday as he came down the creek. Look out, something is going to be doing soon.

Mr. Knuckles, the Dabney, Ould Co.'s salesman, was at this place Friday telling our merchants coffee had gone up.

Last Saturday as Thomas Hubbard and his crew of hands were coming from work on the head of the creek and were crossing the high foot-log near Vick Mills', Melvin Brown, when about half way across, thought about how good he loved his Jesus, fell or jumped into the creek. He must have seen the spirit ascending, from the way he sent up his expressions, as we think, the recording angel must have dropped his pen and looked on with amazement.

DRY GOURD.

Hoiden, Ky.

Joe Higgins is on the sick list this week.

W. M. Mitchell and wife were up to see Mr. and Mrs. Rasnick Sunday.

Mrs. R. L. Henson returned home from Woodbine Monday, where she has been visiting her parents for a few days.

Ed Morris and Miss Rosa Creey were out driving Sunday evening.

John Tye is logging this week.

Samuel Jones went to Coalport Sunday looking after his best girl.

Frank Hawn and wife were up Sunday to see Robert Morris.

James and Alfred Clark were in Barbourville Tuesday.

Several of the boys from here attended an old-time candy pulling at Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Morris' Saturday night and all report a nice time.

James A. and Everett Tiller were up Monday on business.

W. B. Kelley was over from Artemus Monday seeing after his logs.

Robert Short has bought a team and wagon and is preparing to go to hauling for the oil company.

R. L. Henson and Mr. Skinner were out Monday buying horses.

Robenette brothers, who have been working for J. W. Morris, left Saturday for their home at Bluewater, Virginia.

Mr. G. Scheitlin, of Knoxville, was here last week on business.

Charles Byrley was up Monday looking after his business as tax collector.

Gill Stickley was up from Barbourville Tuesday on business.

Quite a crowd was at prayer meeting Sunday night.

Rev. R. H. Horton and J. H. Walton caught some very fine fish Monday.

VERDANT.

Cannon.

H. L. Cannon, postmaster at this place, is repairing the Sinking Valley school house. We hope Henry will make a nice job of it.

J. F. Willis went to Barbourville on business Saturday, and returned by way of Holden. No one knows for what reason.

Mr. Frank Odell, in attempting to pull a string of casing from a well on the Henry Jackson farm on Long Branch, caused the well to flow oil. Be careful, Frank, and don't pull too hard.

This fine weather makes all feel as though "summer had come again."

Some farmers here are gardening.

Ere long oat sowing will be here, and the truth will have dawned upon us sure. This pleases us all as we have had a hard winter.

The Blue Grass Oil and Gas company are pulling the casing from wells on some of their leases. This looks as though the oil business was about up, but this is done, we suppose, to make more extensive operations elsewhere, where production is greater.

Rev. W. C. Judd and others have been holding a revival meeting at Old Payne's near here. We are always proud to have Bro. Judd preach for us, and we are all well wishers for his success at that place.

We don't wonder at H. B. Jones being interested in the lumber business, for it looks as though there is prospects of his needing a house of his own before long.

W. P. Roach, field boss for the Blue Grass Oil and Gas company, went to Barbourville on business Saturday.

Every one will do well to subscribe for the ADVOCATE, it is our home paper. Let us patronize home and home people.

GRIT.

Knox Fork.

Muddy weather is all the go.

Fannie Price and Lizzie Morris paid a flying visit to London Sunday.

Chester McDonald, who has been very low with pneumonia, is improving.

Born, to the wife of Wm. McDonald, a fine boy.

W. A. Donaldson and Joe Wells are still in the spoke business.

Mary Helton and Matreia Donaldson are visiting Mrs. Willie Donaldson.

J. J. Price paid his respects to Miss Laura Wyrick, Sunday.

Harvey Jones, of Woodardville, was a guest at A. J. Stanberry's Sunday.

Richard Jones, of this place, will start for Kansas Thursday.

S. A. Parker still thinks there is no place like E. H. Helton's.

J. B. Price returned from Grays Saturday.

Col. Nathaniel Parker is cutting down all the dead timber on the J. L. Dozier farm.

Sam Parker is expecting to make Middle Fork his home for quite a while.

Prayer services are still going on at Knox Fork. The faithful few still attend.

The wedding bells are still ringing at this place.

Boyd Disney is known as "Rag Doll" at J. B. Price's.

J. J. Price says a kiss unseasoned with love is like buttermilk and cold corn-bread.

Ben Donaldson thinks there is no one on earth like Mary Parrott.

ROSE.

LOOK!

A Special Great Inducement.

Never in all your life have you had so liberal and exceedingly valuable offer made to you as is contained in this proposition. Read every line of it and start out at once to win a valuable prize.

We have just purchased Three Lovely and Valuable pieces of Jewelry, at a cost of \$115.00 which we propose to Give Away to the THREE PERSONS who prove by their efforts to be the most popular, between now and June 1st, 1904, at 12 O'clock noon, when this Contest will close.

EVERYONE can act as an Agent for the MOUNTAIN ADVOCATE, and solicit subscribers at \$1.00 per year in advance, and for every dollar turned in to us, we will send the ADVOCATE one year to the subscriber, and credit the person soliciting the order with 20 votes in the popular contest.

Description of Prizes to be Given Away. ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀

The First Prize, A Large and exceedingly beautiful **Diamond Ring** In Solid Gold Setting. This is no imitation, but A GENUINE DIAMOND, VALUED AT \$75.00 and we will, if necessary furnish the WRITTEN GUARANTEE OF THE JEWELER, as to its being A REAL, **Genuine Diamond.**

The Person Securing the Largest Number of Votes Will Receive this Handsome Ring Absolutely **FREE**, as their Reward.

The Second Prize, Will be CHOICE of either a Large and Exceedingly Handsome SOLID GOLD BROOCH, Set With SIX LARGE OPALS, The Value of Which is \$20.00. Or if they prefer, they may have A Handsome GREEN ENAMEL and GOLD, Ladies WATCH, Set With PEARLS, and PIN to Match, The Value of which is also \$20.00. The person who secures the Second Highest number of votes will be given CHOICE of these two Prizes, either or which any Lady would be proud to wear.

The Third Prize, Will be given to the person receiving the Third Highest number of votes, and will be either the Brooch or the Watch, the winner of the Second Prize having first choice and the winner of the Third Prize taking the other.

Everyone Has an Equal Chance to Win. ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀

Do Not Let Anyone Get The Start of You.

The plan is simple and easy to understand. Every Cash Subscription of \$1.00 to the MOUNTAIN ADVOCATE will entitle the one securing it to 20 votes in this contest and the one who secures and sends in the Highest number of Cash Subscribers between now and June 1st, will receive the First Prize, and the one sending the Second Highest number will receive the Second Prize, while the one sending the Third Highest number will get the Third Prize.

NOW LADIES, see who can win. Get your friends to work for you. Any one can enter the Contest. See your friends and tell them that you want that Diamond Ring and get them to work for you and credit the subscriptions so secured to your list. Remember We Do NOT Take Subscriptions For Less Than One Full Year.

WE will publish the list of contending candidates for these Prizes, giving credit every week with the additional votes secured, so that each one can see how diligently the other is working. No votes will be permitted to be changed from one contestant to another after they have been recorded in this Office.

Start Now, Get In The Push. ❀ ❀

You are as popular as any one else. Get your Father, Brother or Sweetheart to start you with 20 votes and then push on into the thousands. It is easy and pleasant work, and think of the Valuable, Handsome, Diamond Ring, Beautiful Solid Gold Brooch, or the Little Beauty Watch and Pin you will receive as your reward.

All of these Prizes can be seen at the FIRST NATIONAL BANK at any time, and we will take pleasure in showing them to those who are earnestly striving to win one of them.

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